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METHOD FOR A STEERING COLUMN

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	770
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 770

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims 37	-20** = 17	x 18	= \$306
Multiple Dependent Claims 3	-3** = 0	x 85	= 0

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1202 16	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 16	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	2053 65	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	2812 1,260	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	2804 460*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	2805 920*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	2451 755	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	2802 450	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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STEERING COLUMN AND ADJUSTMENT METHOD FOR A STEERING COLUMN

the specification of which: (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on February 3, 2004
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as Application Serial No. 10/771,846

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim the benefit of foreign priority under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application the priority of which is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Number No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed	
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298 08 317.5	GERMANY	May 11, 1998	X	
299 01 657.9	GERMANY	February 3, 1999	X	
299 00 289.6	GERMANY	January 9, 1999	X	

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U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number	(Filing Date)	Parent Patent Number
10/018,206	March 22, 2002	
10/031,080	May 10, 2002	
PCT/DE00/01889	June 9, 2000	
PCT/DE00/02286	July 13, 2000	

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